

REMARKS

Examiner Parsons is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Telephone Interview on June 22, 2006.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed at the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-2, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Malay (U.S. Patent No. 6,183,902) and the rejection of Claims 3, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Malay is hereby requested. As stated in the Interview Summary "...amending Claims 1 and 7 to include a radial flange which to the Examiner appears to overcome the prior art". Claims 1 and 7 have been so amended. Therefore, Claims 1 and 7 are considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

Claim 3 has been amended based upon the amendment to Claim 1.

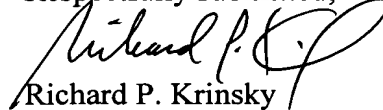
Claims 2-6 and 10-13 depend from Claim 1 and Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 7. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 2-6 and 8-13 are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claims 1 and 7 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

Based upon the above Claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the Application is now in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (35211/41473).

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Enclosure(s): Amendment to the Claims

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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A gas generating cell, comprising:
a housing having a cover, an anode cup and a sealing ring, the housing accommodating at least one anode, a cathode and a separator; and
the cover accommodating ~~and securing~~ at least the cathode and separator and, with the sealing ring, forming a preassembled unit to be inserted into the anode cup; and wherein the cover includes a radial flange extending from an outer portion of the cover and wrapping back around toward the outer portion thereby securing the cathode and separator to the cover.
2. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell according to Claim 1, wherein the cover is constructed as a deep-drawn part made of sheet metal having a cylindrical section and a bottom closing off the cylindrical section at one of its ends, and around a center point of the bottom, a centric hole is constructed, which permits an exiting of gas from the gas generating cell.
3. (Currently Amended) The gas generating cell according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the cover includes a radial flange securing the cathode and separator to the cover, and the sealing ring is pressed over the radial flange, the sealing ring including a groove for receiving the radial flange.~~
4. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell according to Claim 1, wherein the anode cup is constructed as a deep-drawn part made of sheet metal and is filled with an anode material l.
5. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell according to Claim 1, wherein the anode cup has a cylindrical jacket in which a ring step is constructed which has a slightly larger inside diameter than an outside diameter of the preassembled unit, so that the preassembled unit can be fitted from above into the anode cup.
6. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell according to Claim 1, wherein nickel foam, which covers a ring groove in a bottom of the cover, guides gas to a hole, and the cathode, having a separator coating and adapted to an inside diameter of the cover, are placed into the cover.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a gas generating cell, the gas generating cell including a housing having a cover, an anode cup, a sealing ring, and at least one anode, a cathode and a separator, the method steps comprising:

securing at least the cathode and separator into the cover via a radial flange extending from an outer portion of the cover and wrapping back around toward the outer portion, thereby forming a preassembled unit; and

inserting the preassembled unit and a sealing ring into the anode cup.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further including the step of placing nickel foam covering a ring groove in a bottom of the cover.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further including the step of flanging an edge of the anode cup toward an interior of the anode cup, such that the preassembled unit is framed by the anode cup.

10. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell of claim 1, wherein at least one such cell comprises a battery.

11. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell of claim 4, wherein the anode material includes zinc gel.

12. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell of claim 5, wherein an edge of the anode cup, in an area above the ring step, is flanged toward an interior of the anode cup so that the preassembled unit is framed by the anode cup.

13. (Previously Presented) The gas generating cell of claim 6, wherein the cathode includes a cathode disk.